

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 3:20-CV-2-FDW-DSC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *EX REL.*  
BRITTANY CATES AND AQUIL  
MCINTYRE,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM LLOYD RICE, ROY K.  
MESSER, MESSER FINANCIAL GROUP,  
INC., MICHAEL BAILEY HUGHES,  
DEBRA HALL JOHNSON, JASON  
MARVIN KWAME BROWN, DOTT INS  
MGMT, LLC, HEALTHSCREEN U INC.,  
FADEL ALSHALABI, CRESTAR LABS,  
LLC, SHERMAN KENNISON, METRIC  
LAB SERVICES, LLC, METRIC  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC AND  
JOHN DOE,

[UNDER SEAL]

Defendants.

**ORDER**

The United States having declined to intervene in this action pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4)(B), the Court rules as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that,

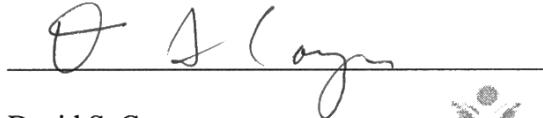
1. The Complaint be unsealed and served upon the Defendants by the Relators;
2. All other contents of the Court's file in this action remain under seal and not be made public or served upon the Defendants, except for this Order and the Government's Notice of

Election to Decline Intervention, which the Relators will serve upon the Defendants only after service of the Complaint;

3. The seal be lifted as to all other matters occurring in this action after the date of this Order;
4. The parties shall serve all pleadings and motions filed in this action, including supporting memoranda, upon the United States, as provided for in 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(3). The United States may order any deposition transcripts and is entitled to intervene in this action, for good cause, at any time;
5. The parties shall serve all notices of appeal upon the United States;
6. All orders of this Court shall be sent to the United States; and that
7. Should the Relators or the Defendants propose that this action be dismissed, settled, or otherwise discontinued, the Court will solicit the written consent of the United States before ruling or granting its approval.

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: February 27, 2023

  
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David S. Cayer  
United States Magistrate Judge

